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By Julia Vbarra

The appointment of a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Student Government and a discussion on the proposed new admission standards for the University of Nebraska system highlighted the Nov. 19 Student Senate meeting.

Former Sen. Steve Meacham, who was a candidate in October's Student President/Regent race, was appointed the new CAO. Among his duties, Meacham will be responsible for appointing students to various committees, councils, agencies, Student Court and managing the Student Government budget.

The Senate also discussed the proposed new admission standards for the NU system.

The new admission criteria would affect all incoming 1997 freshman under the age of 21 and transfer students with fewer than 18 semester hours. It would require four years of English, three years of mathematics, social studies and natural sciences, two years of foreign language and one year of academic credit. Students who did not meet these criteria would be subject to

entrance by individual review.

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of academic affairs, told the Senate the standards would better prepare students for upward trends in college education.

"Since we've had these (current) admission requirements in effect, we've had 200 students admitted under special conditions," Hoover said. "75 percent of them failed out of school. That was one of the reasons why UNO wanted to review its admission criteria."

Hoover reviewed a recent chart comparing high school students who took the core requirements and those who did not. The overall college grade point average of those with the core requirements for 1991-1992 was 2.46, while those students without the requirements was 2.00. The overall ACT score for those with the core for 1991-1992 was 22.2, those without was 20.0.

Hoover said he felt numbers weren't the only deciding factor.

"Preparation is the best indicator of success at UNO," Hoover said. "If a person takes all these core courses, they typically are

going to score 20 or above on the ACT and typically are going to be in the upper half of their class. The core really makes a difference on how well people do at UNO."

Hoover added UNO would communicate with local high school administrators and other officials concerning the new standards if passed by the Board of Regents.

"We will communicate widely with all the schools, the counselors, the newspapers, just like we did in 1980, before the current standards came into effect in 1984. We give them a four-year time frame, so entering freshmen in 1993 know what the requirements are four years later," he said.

In other business, Jennifer Newhouse, the newly-elected Student President/Regent, spoke to the Senate.

Newhouse said she will have an open door policy with the Senate and all students. She added she has filed an appeal with Hoover concerning the Election Commission's ruling that it found merit with seven grievances filed against her during the run-off campaign. In its decision, the commission fined her \$355.

Malcolm X remembered

By Tim Rohwer

The life and times of civil rights leader Malcolm X was the theme of a luncheon in the Student Center on Nov. 23, sponsored by the Student Programming Organization (SPO).

Malcolm X, a native of Omaha, was assassinated in 1965.

Mesha McGee, chairperson of the multicultural committee of SPO, said the luncheon's purpose was to remember Malcolm X's accomplishments and beliefs.

"He advocated change, not violence," she said.

An estimated 50 students attended the event, which included an excerpt from a Malcolm X speech, which was delivered by UNO student Tara Williams and a speech about the Islamic religion, which Malcolm X converted to at a young age, by Rich Bennett, president of the UNO Muslim Students Association.

"Islam is not tied to any race, nationality or language," Bennett said. "Muslims come from Africa, the Middle East, India, Indonesia. It fits a universal religion; it's color blind."

The event concluded with a speech by Rowenna Moore, founder and past president of the Malcolm X Foundation.

"Most people years ago didn't know about Malcolm X. The purpose of the foundation is to remember his accomplishments and pass them on to our children," she said.

The foundation hopes to build an educational center on Malcolm X's birth site, currently a vacant lot near 34th and Pinkney Streets.

"We have 70 lots available to build something that you and your children can enjoy. It's my desire to build an educational center to help further the knowledge what Malcolm X stood for. I want to hold classes in there. I'm 82 years old, but I'm doing it for you and your children," Moore said to the audience.

On the road with KBLZ

By Vera Verrips

Disc jockeys from UNO's KBLZ radio station spent most of last Tuesday on the road to make students more aware of the station and its goals.

The DJs rode the UNO shuttle to and from Ak-Sar-Ben to talk with the passengers about the station and to give out prizes and t-shirts.

Beth Rigatuso, program director of KBLZ, said the station hopes to expand its broadcasting area on campus, making it more accessible to students interested in the station's format and advertising capabilities.

"We broadcast Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center and the HPER (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) Building, and we're hoping to expand our hours, as well as our broadcasting area," Rigatuso said. "We are trying to get some more support from the students, although we are aware of the fact that many of them do not even know about our existence. But we are here for the students, and we are promoting more campus involvement."

"It is important for student organizations to realize that we exist. Not only can they promote their events on our

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AIDS quilt makes appearance

By Elizabeth Tape

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is coming to Omaha this weekend for a three-day display at the Civic Auditorium.

Of the approximately 22,000 panels from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and 28 other nations that now make up the quilt, 1,064 will come to the Civic Auditorium.

Kathy England, an organizer of the display, said a variety of techniques have been used to make the panels, including writing with a marker, quilting, stitching, and painting.

"Many represent something special in that person's life," she said. "Traditionally, quilts have been an American way of telling a story, and that's what these quilt panels do, too."

The River City Mixed Chorus, who will be performing during the Omaha display, lost seven of its members to AIDS, England said.

"They made a entire 12-foot by 12-foot and used the eighth panel as a 'signature block,' so that all the members of the chorus, present and past, could sign it."

England said the quilt provides an opportunity for people to be public with their grief and to express sadness and joy, remembering the life of the loved one they lost.

"It seems to have tremendous healing power; it seems to bring families together. It has a very quiet power to it. A traditional quilt tells a story and this one tells many, many

stories," she said.

For those unfamiliar with the quilt, England said, learning of it can have a powerful impact. "My husband and I gave a copy of 'The Quilt: Stories from the Names Project' to our church library. I had never heard the word 'AIDS' spoken in our congregation before, and we thought this would be one way to reach folks about AIDS. About two weeks later, an older woman came up to me, one of the last people I would have thought would look at the book, and she said, 'Kathy, those are real people.'

"That was a profound statement for her. It finally hit her that those were not just numbers on a page, they were people: parents, sons, daughters, cousins and best friends. They were real people who had been lost, and I think that's the power the quilt has, to bring this whole thing down to a real gut level. These are real people," England said. "This is something Omaha needs to see."

The quilt began as the idea of San Francisco gay-rights activist Cleve Jones during a 1985 candlelight march commemorating the murders of Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk.

"As the mourners passed by, they covered the walls of San Francisco's Old Federal Building with placards bearing the names of people who had died of AIDS," wrote Cindy Ruskin in her 1988 book, "The Quilt: Stories from the NAMES

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Lady Mavs watch one slip away

—Ed Carton

Stacy McArthur, Cathy Mauer, Roxanne Wiles and Coach Cherri Mankenberg look on as the Lady Mavs lose to Missouri Western University Saturday. The Lady Mavs are 0-2 for the first time since 1982.

Project."

On a February day in 1987, Jones went into his backyard with cans of spray paint and stencils to make a panel for Marvin Feldman, a close friend who had died of AIDS. Shortly thereafter, Jones met with his friend Mike Smith, and they began formulating plans for the quilt.

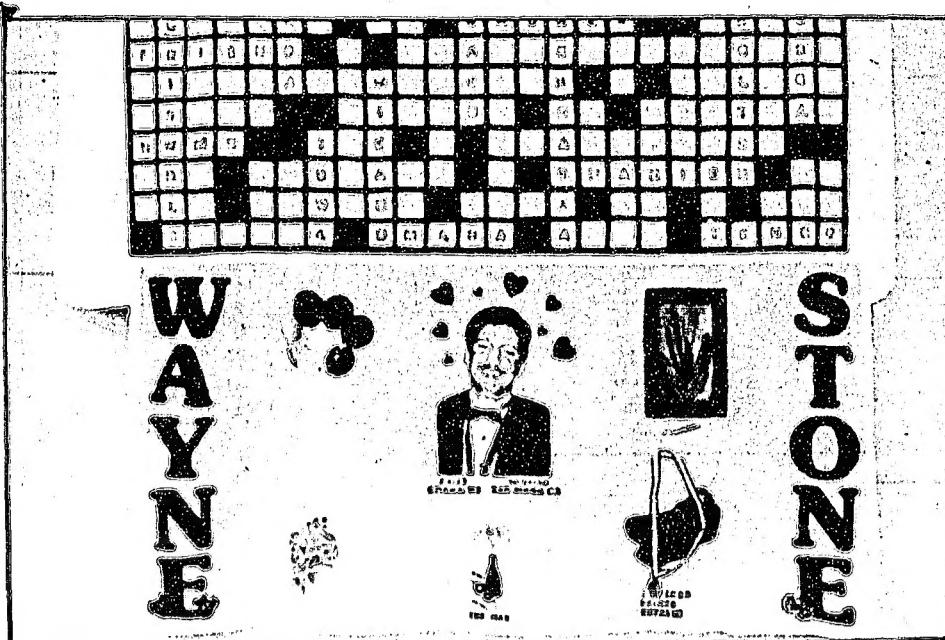
Together, they organized sewing groups, found a location in an empty Market Street store front in San Francisco and within two weeks, Ruskin wrote, the project received donations of 10 sewing machines and a month of free rent from local merchants.

In June of that year, the NAMES project displayed its first 40 panels at San Francisco's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade.

In October of 1987, 1,920 panels were included in the first national display held at the Capitol Mall in Washington. After this, a nationwide tour of the quilt was organized to raise funds for AIDS-related services.

Many activities are scheduled to coincide with the quilt display, England said. On Tuesday at 6 p.m., members of the UNO Theater Department will perform Patricia Loughrey's play "Secrets" in Room 333 of the Fine Arts Education Building.

"It's about the kinds of secrets people keep," England said. "It's a very moving piece and very well done. The cast comes out after the performance and there's an opportunity for the audience to ask anything, for instance, what they can do, or why the cast members got involved. The performers have done their



Local quilt sections will be a part of the NAMES quilt display.

—Ed Carlson

homework well—not only do they do the play well, but they've learned about AIDS."

On Thursday night at 7 p.m., HIV/AIDS educator Bob Power from the American Red Cross will speak about AIDS at the Jewish Community Center. He will also show the videotape "Los Altos Story," about a California Rotary Club president whose son has AIDS.

"On Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., we have

professional groups and school groups scheduled to see the quilt," England said. "We're expecting over 1,500 grade school children, who have done some work in their classrooms to tie into the quilt, and now they'll experience it for themselves. Any other groups or individuals

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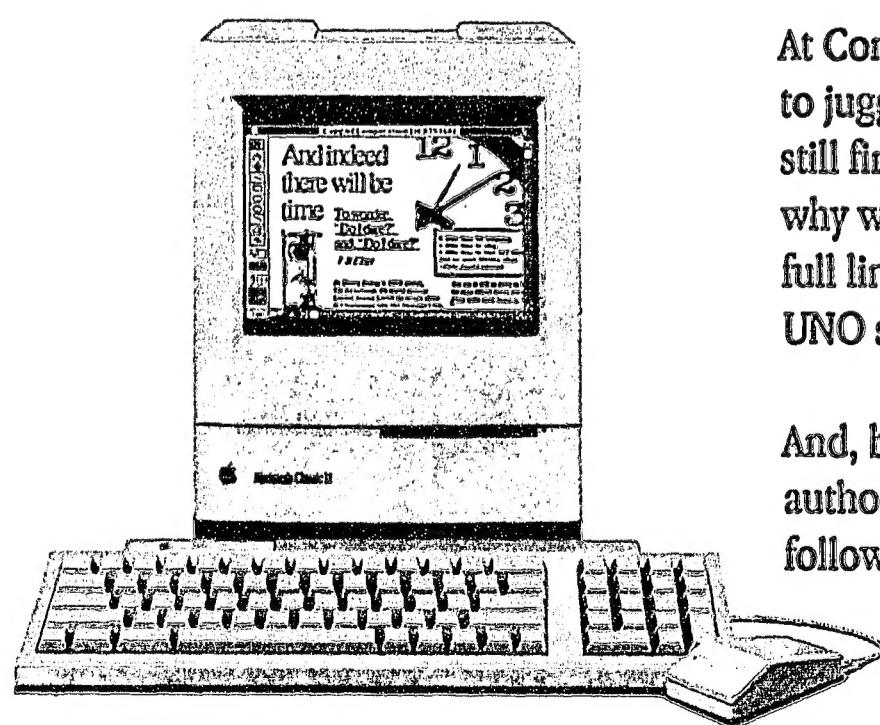
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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Women are due to change world

1992 was supposed to be the "Year of the Woman?" Most people took it to mean the Year of the Woman in Politics. However, 1992 was the year of the woman in many areas, especially the arts and religion.

It is imperative we move more women into political office. While the number of women in the Senate increased 200 percent, it only increased 68 percent in the House with 20 more women. Women now have 6 percent of the Senate seats instead of 2 percent before the elections. This is a far cry from holding 51 percent of the seats if we're to be a "representative government."

But the obstacles for these women to overcome in the male bastion of our nation's capitol are immense. For example, the first African-American woman Senator EVER, Sen.-elect Carol

TARA MUIR COLUMNIST

Mosely Braun from Illinois, according to *Time*'s Nov. 30 issue, stopped by the Senate clerk's office to get her photo ID. The article said, "Her picture was snapped and for some reason she was handed a card emblazoned SPOUSE. The amused Senator handed it back, muttering, "Try again."

How about that Hillary Clinton? I voted for her husband. The *Miami Herald* said, "As a feminist working mother, an authority on children's welfare issues and education, she wields tremendous influence with her husband." Women won't have to drag him kicking and screaming to our so-called "special interests," as if the interests of the mothers of all the children and 51 percent of the work force are "special."

What other women have wielded their influence in human society, to create more acceptance of powerful women? There is Madonna, that woman who dares publish a book that artfully displays sex.

Madonna talked about her scandalous book, "Sex," in a *Time* interview in the Nov. 2 issue: "...the scandal is only a reflection other people's hang-ups... It's just that the arena that I choose to express myself in is sexuality, and sexuality has always been a

a taboo subject. But I'm trying to change that." Maybe with making sex not-so taboo, we can start a productive dialogue about birth control needs of women and men.

But you know why everyone is so upset with Madonna? Because she's a woman raking in huge sums of money and enjoying it. And city councilman, Mr. Omaha for Decency himself, Steve Exon, cried that Madonna is a poor role model for teenage women. The only poor role model for these women is their parents if they do not give them sex education.

What other woman has taken on the world press and challenged the status quo? Irish music star Sinéad O'Connor ripped a picture of the pope in half on American TV earlier this year. She said in a *Time* interview Nov. 9: "I consider the Vatican to be anti-Christian because in the name of Christianity, they committed anti-Christian acts. They blessed the bombs that went into Ethiopia. They gave permission for the Irish people to be starved, the French people, the African people, for the Jewish people to be slaughtered. They are responsible for all of the destruction we see in the world today." But she also said, "I would not disrespect people for believing what they've been taught. It's not their fault. But they've been told lies, and they

have to face the truth."

When asked why it upsets people so much that she speaks out, she said, "The main reason is that I'm a woman. If I were a young man and I was on the TV saying these things, I would not be as brutalized... People always judge the book by the cover, and they don't listen."

But even the Church of England decided on Nov. 11 that 1,300 women deacons are now eligible for priesthood. Maybe O'Connor's religion will transform itself, and it will be the new women of the priesthood leading the way.

It is the limitless strength within women that will change our world. They will continue waking sleeping people to somehow motivate each individual to find the strength within themselves to let go of the old society and culture that denies them their true selves, and welcome change. Because when change betters the world for women, it will better the world for their children, and everyone whose lives they touch.

As Robin Morgan said in her editorial in the Nov./Dec. issue of *Mrs. Magazine*, "We intend for women to change the system, not to be changed by it." She concluded, "The year of the woman? They ain't seen nothin' yet."

Americans need to start taking care of themselves

With the winter winds, the winds of change are coming.

As Bill Clinton readies for his presidency and George Bush plans his retirement, many Americans are expecting Clinton to make good on his wonderful promises right away, many feel they will soon have an easy mortgage, a new Ford in the garage and dessert after every meal because Clinton will solve everything.

But is that what the president is supposed to do? Is he supposed to give everyone a good job, make businesses give health care and higher wages, and let everyone have it their way? Not hardly.

It is every American's job to make a better life for themselves. This burden can not be thrust upon one man's lap.

When will the American people assume some responsibility and actually do something for their country, their families and themselves?

Bill Clinton got elected because Americans believed the economy was headed for a plunge. That was a fallacy. *USA Today* recently reported that the Department of Commerce found the economy improved 3.9 percent in the third quarter, the highest jump since Bush took office.

The current state of the economy is not nearly as dismal as it was in 1975 when this country was stumbling along with the so-called energy crisis. The economy is also not as bad as it was when the last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, was in office.

Americans are spoiled. We are poisoned by the status quo. That is why most of us refuse to work whatever job is available to get by while looking for something better or while we im-

prove our education, job skills and ourselves. People who work at fast-food restaurants are ridiculed by the same people who complain about the economy and how the government has kept them from a great job.

The only valid complaint Americans really have is themselves. If we worked and sacrificed

tance. But nobody seems to notice the number of people who are in a bind because of their individual irresponsibility because they are too busy pointing the finger.

We will soon see whether Clinton's movement for change will actually be a change for the better.

Something about letters

Recent correspondence to the *Gateway* has prompted a reminder of our letters policy.

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NEWS CLIPS

Big band concert to swing into Strauss hall

UNO's Jazz Lab Big Band will present a concert Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

The concert program will feature music by composers Duke Ellington, Steve Spiegel, Matt Harris, Miles Davis and Jay Beckenstein. Steve Rehbein, UNO Jazz Studies coordinator, will direct the concert.

Admission for the jazz concert is \$3 for the general public, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and free to UNO students, faculty and staff with I.D.

Famous author will speak at Peony Park

Stephen Covey, author of the best-selling self-help book "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," will speak at the Peony Park Ballroom Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Covey will speak about integrating leadership, personal effectiveness and change, family and interpersonal relationships.

Covey's writings present a holistic, principle-centered approach to solving personal and professional problems.

For more information call 595-2303. Covey's visit is sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies.

'Installation' exhibit to open at art museum

Joslyn Art Museum presents its second Midland Invitational featuring installation-based art through the work of seven Midwestern artists from Dec. 12 to Jan. 31.

As defined by the curators of the exhibition, an installation is a gallery or other space in

which its total contents are the creation of one artist. It is a single work, with many parts, which uses the entire space, rather than a group of individual artworks arranged for exhibition.

By incorporating the elements of painting, drawing, sculpture, light, sound or motion, the artist creates a manipulated environment which encourages the viewer to contemplate, participate in or complete the work.

For more information on the exhibit or special events scheduled for the exhibit, call 342-3300.

UNO's Brass Ensemble to hold Christmas concert

UNO's Brass Ensemble presents "A Classy, Brassy Christmas" concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 70th and Cass Streets.

The ensemble is made up of UNO music majors working toward degrees in music education, performance or merchandising.

Tickets for the concert are available for a suggested donation of \$3. Larger donations will be accepted.

All proceeds from the concert will be used for scholarships to brass workshops.

For more information or tickets, call the band office at 554-3352.

Orpheum to host Nutcracker Dec. 10-13

"The Nutcracker" will be performed by Ballet Omaha, Nebraska's professional ballet company, Dec. 10 through 13 at the Orpheum Theatre, 16th and Harney Streets.

"The Nutcracker" starts at 8 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 11. There will be two shows on Dec. 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets range from \$11 to \$26, with discounts for students, senior citizens and

groups. Tickets may be purchased through the Ballet Omaha Box Office at 346-7332 or through Stubbs at Regency Fashion Court at 397-8823.

Star of Bethlehem focus of 'What's Up'

"What's Up," a live star lecture, will be showing at the Kountze Planetarium Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The show will focus on the Star of Bethlehem. The rooftop observatory will be open if the weather permits.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens.

Ybarra wins first place at tournament

Julie Ybarra, a member of UNO's forensics team, won first place in the category of original interpretation at a tournament at Wayne State College on Nov. 14.

Ybarra competed against 25 other students in the category.

Her speech concerned discrimination of minorities.

Allano joins KVNO and University Television

UNO's KVNO Radio and University Television have announced the appointment of Debra Allano as Development Director.

Allano comes to UNO from Landmarks, Inc., where she served for three years as Executive Director.

At UNO, she will be responsible for fund raising, development and promotional activities for both KVNO and University Television.

Red Cross offering classes and screenings

The Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering classes throughout the month of December.

Some of the classes include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, standard first aid, safe care for kids, babysitting, and babysitting rescue breathing/choking module.

Pre-registration is required for the classes.

For more information call Community Health Services at 493-9628.

Blood pressure and cholesterol screenings will also be held during December. The blood pressure test is free and the cholesterol test is \$5.

For more information call 493-9628.

Pen and Sword Society is looking for new toys

The Pen and Sword Society is sponsoring Toys for Tots through Dec. 15.

Students may bring new toys to the Pen and Sword Society, located in Room 127 in the Student Center.

For more information call Tim Cawthon or John McCarroll at 558-3732.

UNO professor chosen to head national board

Sunny Andrews, professor and director of UNO's College of Social Work, has been chosen as president-elect of the American Association of State Social Work Boards (AASSWB).

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Big Head Todd, Damn Yankees get week started

The Damn Yankees will kick off their upcoming tour Tuesday at the Civic Auditorium with opening bands Slaughter and Jackal. The pop-rock super group is heading out in support of their latest release, "Don't Tread On Me."

While the opening night will be a big show, concertgoers have a couple other choices on the same evening.

FLOTSAM and JETSAM has returned from a two-year hiatus with a new CD called "Cuatro." Not only is it the band's fourth

on stage

preview by eric johnson

release, but it is also the debut of the band's fourth bassist, Jason Ward.

The Phoenix-based band has been dishing out metal since the mid-eighties. Original bassist Jason Newsted joined Metallica and Troy Gregory, the latest departure, is now in Prong.

"Cuatro" doesn't really have a bite. The tracks are well-produced but lack the intensity metal needs. When the band does get going, it quickly dies down.

"The Message" contains lyrics by Chris Cornell of Soundgarden and music by Flotsam and Jetsam.

The track has a Soundgarden feel, but the



MCA records

Flotsam and Jetsam, made up of members Ed Carlson, left, Jason Ward, Mike Gilbert, Eric A.K., and Kelly Smith, will appear at the Ranch Bowl Tuesday.

lyrics lack the savage edge that only Cornell can deliver.

One good track is "Never to Reveal." The lyrics are simple and the song is a quick-moving number.

Along with "Hypodermic Midnight Snack," this is what the rest of the CD should be like.

For the most part, "Cuatro" is knee deep with guitars and lyrics that don't seem to work. It sounds like Flotsam and Jetsam are attempting to capitalize on the Queensryche sound, adding melodic segments and going overboard on the lyrics.

The band will bring its latest set to the Ranch Bowl.

Big Head Todd and The Monsters are a trio from Colorado who have also been around since the mid-eighties, releasing two efforts independently and selling 40,000 combined copies.

The band's ability to sell out shows in places such as Chicago and Minneapolis has attracted major label attention. Signed to Giant Records, the band just released its major label debut.

Simply titled "Big Head Todd & The Monsters," this batch is refreshing melodic rock with a blues flavor. Each track sounds very different from the rest.

Leading off with a moody tone, "Broken Hearted Savior" leads into the laid back funk of "Sister Sweetly." Guitarist/vocalist Todd Park Mohr lays out the start of an album full of great soloing. He uses effects to the most to get a multitude of sounds and textures out of his guitar.

"It's Alright" is the kind of slow groove one would expect from Eric Clapton. With the addition of some female backing vocals, this turns into a soulful and relaxing song.

The band's sound is tight throughout and Mohr's vocals are as bluesy and soulful as his guitar work.

The entire effort is laid back, yet packed full of great material.

Big Head Todd and The Monsters will be landing at Zoo Bar in Lincoln, and the show promises to be worth the drive.

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SPORTS



Roxanne Wiles, No. 22, shoots for two against Missouri-Western. Wiles hit two three-point field goals in the final minute of play in an attempt to rally the Lady Mavs.

Disappointment mars Lady Mav season debut

By Darren Schrat

WInless after two games is the last place the UNO Lady Mav basketball team expected to be Saturday night.

The Lady Mavs, ranked 19th in Division II, opened their season hosting the Cox Cable Tournament after earning a NCAA II Regional berth with a 20-9 record last year. After losing their opener to Southern Illinois Edwardsville 69-66 Friday, the Lady Mavs hoped to rebound against the Missouri-Western University Lady Griffons.

Despite a 19-point, 16-rebound effort by Sandy Skradski and 17 points from Marsha Moore, the Lady Mavs fell 66-64.

"We were our own worst enemy out there because we let them crawl upon us on defense," UNO coach Cheri Mankenberg said.

The Lady Mavs jumped out ahead 8-2 with Skradski scoring baskets from the inside position. But the Lady Griffons stormed back with a basket that cut the UNO lead in half and a three-point field goal by Amy Gilmore reduced the Lady Mav lead to a point.

The Lady Mavs maintained a shallow lead until the midway point of the first half. Trailing 21-14, Missouri-Western hit five unanswered baskets to claim its first lead of the game, 24-21. The Lady Mavs tied the game with 3:02 left, but the Lady Griffons hung onto lead at the half, 30-28.

Mankenberg said she was waiting for her team to open up in the second half. The Lady Mavs were shooting nearly 43 percent, while Missouri-Western hit just 34 percent of their shots. Skradski already had 12 points and eight rebounds.

"I felt we were yet to bust open, instead we played with them. We didn't take charge with our opportunities," Mankenberg said.

In the second half, baskets by Moore and Stacy McArthur gave the Lady Mavs a three-

point lead. But a pair of jump shots by Gilmore gave the Lady Griffons a 35-34 lead and from that point on the Lady Mavs had to play catch-up ball.

"We had several opportunities where we could've taken charge. But we're not getting that, we're hitting the panic button instead of being cool and confident," Mankenberg said.

The game remained a see-saw battle. A three-point play by Tracie Coffey gave Missouri-Western a four-point lead. But a basket by Shonna Tryon and a steal and score by Lisa Rath kept the Lady Mavs within a basket from the Lady Griffons. For over eight minutes of play, the Lady Mavs trailed by one point six times.

"To many times on offense we tried to force things to happen on the first or second option instead of waiting and reversing the ball," Mankenberg said.

With 1:21 remaining, Julie Parker hit a basket to give the Lady Griffons a 60-58 lead. It appeared the Lady Mavs were through, but Roxanne Wiles hit a three-point field goal cutting the score 60-58.

The last minute saw the Lady Mavs committing fouls to force the Lady Griffons to the free throw line. However, Missouri-Western answered the pressure and made their last six free throws to boost their lead 66-61.

Another three-pointer by Wiles in the final seconds was UNO's last punch. Along with Moore and Skradski, Wiles and Tryon scored in double figures with 10 points each.

Mankenberg said she was disappointed that her team lacked intensity and the players didn't play to their potential.

"The intensity thing is what bothers me the most and that's such a vague word, but it means so many things," she said.

"It means getting excited over a great play that one of your teammates made, or when you feel the momentum and the other team folding and you take the opportunity."

Lady Mav volleyball season ends without bid

By Lance Braun

The UNO volleyball team went to the North Central Conference (NCC) Tournament hoping to shine, but the loss of their star player caused the Lady Mavs' hopes of a post-season berth to fizzle.

UNO defeated Morningside in the first round of the tournament, held November 20-21 in Fargo, N.D., but fell to Mankato State in the semi-finals to end the season at 27-12.

Junior outside hitter Laura Monahan, four-time Nebraska Division II Player of the Week and leader for UNO in kill spikes this season, was injured and did not play in the Lady Mav loss to Mankato State.

"I think we missed her experience and leadership more than anything," junior Laura Kelly said.

"We have a deep bench and good chemistry between our starters so we didn't have that much of a dropoff, but her court presence was definitely missed," she said.

A blistering service game helped UNO win their match over 20-16 Morningside 15-10, 6-15, 15-12, 6-15, 15-13. The Lady Mavs burned Morningside with 10 aces, led by junior Dawn Hottovy with four and Kelly with three.

Five players on the team to registered double-digit digs, headed by Kelly with 20, and Monahan and sophomore Kevin Campbell with 18 apiece.

Sophomore Michelle Highland hammered 16 kills and had four blocks for the Lady Mavs, while junior Shannon Hop had 34 set assists.

Saturday's semi-final action saw UNO jump to a two-games-to-one lead, only to fall 15-13, 12-15, 14-16, 15-6, 15-10 to Mankato State.

The Lady Mavs served 16 aces, led by Hop with four, but were hurt by 41 attack errors and 16 service errors.

Hop had a season-high 55 set assists to go with 11 digs and seven kills. Freshman Stacy Haas replaced Monahan and tallied 20 digs, seven kills and two aces. Campbell had 25 digs and 10

kills, Kelly had 16 kills, nine digs, and three aces, and Hottovy added 13 kills, 11 digs, and two aces.

Three NCC teams qualified for the Regional Tournament. North Dakota State, 34-4, won the NCC Tournament and received the automatic bid to the Regionals.

Northern Colorado, 30-7 and second in the NCC regular season, received an at-large berth despite losing its first round match to Mankato State.

Augustana, 30-12, received the other conference at-large berth even though they finished fourth in the regular season and lost their last eight matches, including their first round NCC match.

"We were a little disappointed that Augustana got the berth because at the end of the season, we were the better team," Kelly said.

"But the berths are given based on the whole year, and we made some mistakes in September that cost us. We wish that both teams could have gone, but they deserved to go."

Maverick football program in capable hands despite losing season

His time had come.

On May 18, 1990, Sandy Buda resigned as head football coach at UNO.

Defensive Coordinator Tom Mueller, a member of the staff at UNO since 1983, was promoted to head coach on June 28, 1990.

Mueller was forced to shuffle around most of the existing staff and wasn't able to put together a cohesive battle plan. The staff was filled with disorganization and confusion, and it showed in the most important place — on the field.

The tone for the season was set when

Wayne State upset UNO in their opening game 24-17. UNO staggered to a 2-9 record.

Mueller and his staff regrouped for the next season; however, the team returned 20 seniors and confidence was high among the players.

C h u c k Osberg was hired as offensive coordinator, a spot he occupied during UNO's glory years in the early 80's. Osberg brought the Mav offense into the 90's with a more wide open offensive

scheme.

The coaching philosophy, offensively and defensively, showed continuity and paid attention to detail. The Mavs posted a 6-4 mark including a very respectable 4-4 record in the highly-touted

North Central Conference.

Back then, injuries were few and far between and when they did happen, they weren't serious. Quarterback Paul Cech suffered a separated

shoulder in the South Dakota State game, but was back two weeks later to lead the Mavs in a dramatic 13-7 upset of No. 3 Northern Colorado.

The 1992 squad entered this season with high hopes. They returned a strong defensive nucleus, led by pre-season All-American Rodney Bradley and tough inside linebackers Steve Kurtz and Chris Bantner.

The offense switched to a one-back set to fully utilize the talents of sophomore quar-

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LANCE BRAUN
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Club knocks out foes

By Darren Schrat

Some heavy hitting is going on at UNO, and it's not all on Caniglia Field.

The UNO martial arts club knocked out some opponents to win the Midwestern U.S. Tae Kwon Do Championship Nov. 14 in St. Joseph, Mo.

All of UNO's victors were in the heavyweight division. Mike Moore won first place in the brown belt division and Mohammad Rahmanzai in the black belt division.

UNO faced participants from Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, South Dakota and California.

"It was the first time I've seen some fly in from California," Rahmanzai said.

The UNO club also had two third place finishers in the tournament with David Henson in the yellow belt and Chrissie Foley in the blue belt division.

"We had six qualify in the collegiate nationals, but the school didn't have enough money to send them to San Francisco," Rahmanzai said. "People were disappointed."

The membership of the club increases every semester, Rahmanzai said. He said the high enrollment is due in part with the concern of many students with self protection. There were more than 40 members this semester and Rahmanzai expects more than 50 next semester.

The martial arts club helps support itself through fees and fundraisers. The club classes cost \$30 per student and works out two hours a day twice a week in the HPER building.

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terback Josh Lucidke, a drop-back passer. The offensive line looked to be one of the best in the conference.

But things just didn't work out as injuries plagued the team all season and key personnel were hurt almost every game. Injuries forced the defense to switch to a less effective scheme that seemed to lack execution.

When the team finished the season with a disappointing 2-9 record, rumors circulated about the future of the program, and the future of Coach Mueller as well.

Mueller proved that he was very knowledgeable and capable

when he served as an assistant coach.

In the last three years, he has proven to be a hard working and dedicated head coach. Next season, the Mavs will have to deal with the loss of only ten seniors and the returning players have a lot of experience.

Mueller has shown that given adequate preparation time and circumstances, he can be a successful coach. If university officials want to do the right thing, they should give Tom Mueller a vote of confidence.

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